(b) Haj fare fixed per pilgrim was as under:

Haj, 1995 — Rs. 17,500/-

Haj, 1996 — Rs. 19,640/-

Haj, 1997 — Rs. 25,829/- (provisional)

However fare paid/payable every year by each pilgrim was/is Rs. 12,000/- and the balance is paid as a subsidy by the Government.

(c) The increase in the fare for 1997 is because Haj operation was undertaken by Air India with its own aircraft and the company's overhead expenses are higher than those of the charter parties, whose aircraft were taken on lease in the previous years for majority of Haj operations.

(d) The normal fare increase was of on an average of 32% in 1997.

Proposal to develop Delhi and Mumbai as international hubs

634. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to develop Delhi and Mumbai as international hubs; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The recently finalised airport infrastructure policy envisages development of Delhi & Mumbai "among other airports" as international hubs. However, planning for this purpose is in a preliminary stage.

Corruption at Nagpur airport

635. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of large scale corruption and misappropriation, illegal involvement with contractors, caterers, etc. have been brought to the notice of Government with respect to the Nagpur Airport;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on this matter;

(c) whether it is a fact that such complaints even from public representatives are not given proper attention; and

(d) what steps will be taken to set right the affairs of the Nagpur Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

देश में नये हवाई अड्डों का निर्माण

636. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:**
प्रो० राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा:

क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सरकार देश में कुछ और हवाई-अड्डे बनाने पर विचार कर रही है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इस प्रयोजन के लिए कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई है; और

(ग) निर्माण-कार्य कब तक शुरू हो जाने की सम्भावना है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीम): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की कर्नाटक में गुलबर्गा और हसन, राजस्थान में अजमेर, केरल में कन्नूमर और अरूणाचल प्रदेश में ईटानगर में नये हवाई-अड्डों के निर्माण की योजनाएं हैं। इन हवाई अड्डों के निर्माण के लिए भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को अधिक निधियां आबंटित किए जाने का योजना आयोग से अनुरोध किया गया है।